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Holiday Traditions Shouldn't Include Sewer Backups

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The holidays are a time to bring people together to enjoy family, friends, and of course, food. While you may love to entertain, make sure one unexpected guest—the plumber—is not at your home this season.

Grease is found in such things as cooking oil, shortening, sauces, meat fats, and dairy products. When used cooking grease is dumped down your sink, grease solidifies and accumulates inside the pipes, eventually restricting free flow of wastewater on its way to the wastewater treatment plant. This overloads the sewer system, sometimes resulting in sewer overflows.

The best way to reduce the risk of grease from disrupting the sewer system is to prevent it from entering sewer pipes in the first place. Please keep the following tips in mind to keep clogged pipes off of your to-do list this holiday season! After cooling, pour grease and fat into a disposable container, wrap it in a plastic bag to reduce odor, and place it in the trash. Remove excess grease left on cookware with a paper towel, and scrape leftover food into the trash. Tell family and friends about protecting their home and preserving the environment through proper disposal of fats, oils, and grease.

Be good, for goodness sake, and don't dump grease down the drain! Collecting your grease in a container is the best thing to do. Your pipes, the environment, and your pocketbook will thank you for it. For additional information, please call (951) 826-5311.

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